

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A complex for use as a therapeutic pharmaceutical, said complex comprising:  
a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine donor group bound to a non-radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex.
2. (Original) The complex according to claim 1, wherein said gold atom is a gold (I) compound.
3. (Original) The complex according to claim 1 wherein said gold-ligand complex further includes a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
4. (Currently amended) The complex according to claim 1, wherein said gold-ligand complex further includes a therapeutic agent.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of treating prostate, colon, or gastric cancer comprising the steps of:  
administering an effective amount of a complex comprising a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine group bound to a non-radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex to a subject in need thereof.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of preventing inhibiting the metastasis of prostate, colon, or gastric cancer comprising the steps of: administering an effective amount of a complex comprising a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine group bound to a non- radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex to a subject in need thereof.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of arresting reducing cell growth of prostate, colon, or gastric cancer comprising the steps of: administering an effective amount of a complex comprising a ligand comprising at least one hydroxyalkyl phosphine group bound to a non- radioactive gold atom to form a stable gold-ligand complex to a subject in need thereof.